

## Senate Resolution 563

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of William T. (Billy) Strickland and expressing sorrow at the time of his  
2 passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Billy was born on May 25, 1942, and was raised in Newton County and never  
4 called another place home; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1973, he was elected as commissioner for District 5 in Newton County and  
6 served until 1975 when his term was cut short due to redistricting; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1975, Billy was appointed as the Civil Defense Director (now Emergency  
8 Management) for Newton County and he served in that position until 1988; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1980, he was appointed as EMS Director and he directed both Civil Defense  
10 and EMS services until 1988 when he returned to work at General Motors; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1990, Billy retired from General Motors with 28 years of service; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2000, he was elected again as a county commissioner and served from 2001  
13 until 2004; and

14 WHEREAS, as a commissioner, Billy worked hard to ensure that the county's streams had  
15 buffer protection and that county roads were improved; he never missed meetings and was  
16 very active in county affairs; and

17 WHEREAS, he was a Master Mason at the Golden Fleece Lodge in Covington, Georgia, and  
18 a member of the Oxford Lions Club; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated public servant and served the people of Newton County well  
20 and he will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 honor the life of William T. (Billy) Strickland and offer their condolences upon his passing.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William T. (Billy)  
5 Strickland.